

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Application No

PCT/DK 03/00792

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 A61B5/0215 A61B8/12

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 882 314 A (LOUIS BRUNO ET AL) 16 March 1999 (1999-03-16) column 1, line 33 -column 2, line 4 column 2, line 37 -column 3, line 16 abstract; claims 1,12; figure 1 ---	1-6
A	US 5 573 007 A (BOBO SR DONALD E) 12 November 1996 (1996-11-12) the whole document ---	1-6
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 4-6  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Claims Nos.: 4-6

Claims 4-6 relate to a method of treatment of the human body by surgery or by therapy/a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for these claims. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compound(s)/product/device.

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